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[Despatch Abstract.]

Lease South Kanara District —
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The Eastern Development Corporation Limited.

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From,

F.E.Rosher, Esq.,
Managing Director,
Eastern Development Corporation Ltd
70, Apollo Street,
Bombay.

To,

E. W. Legh, Esq.
Secretary,
Revenue Department,
Government of Madras,
Secretariat,
OOTACAMUND.

Sir

Re: Govt.Lease to the E.D.Corporation of rights to collect the fruit of the Dhupa tree(Vateria Indica) in South Canara.

I have the honour to submit for the consideration of Government the following proposal in connection with the above lease.

2 When we originally investigated this proposition and applied for the lease, we acted on such information as was then available from the Forest Officers and others from whom we gathered that Dhupa was an annual crop with an average yield per tree of about 4 cwts. of fruit. We have since, as the result of observing over a period of years, been forced to the conclusion that the crop is liable to be practically a complete failure for three or four years in succession e.g. last year the flowering of the trees showed great advance when, unfortunately, early rains practically destroyed the blossom before it could set.

3 We have therefore been reluctantly forced to the decision that the Extraction Plant, which we installed at our factory at Kallianpur, at very great expense for the purpose of extracting the Dhupa fat, is practically of little or no

value where it is and we are accordingly arranging to remove it to a centre, where raw material suitable for extraction is plentiful.

4 I regret to inform you that Mr.R.G.L. Bennett, our late Manager in Bombay, who had hitherto had charge of this business died recently of enteric, and that Commander Holmes our Assistant Manager has since died of septic poisoning following enteric, and I have recently had to send to England our third Assistant, who has been very ill with malaria. I have therefore had some difficulty in finding exactly how matters stood, as the three officers who were acquainted with the subject were not available, but I find that while the war was on, in view of the impossibility of then dealing with Dhupa produce the late Mr.Bennett approached Government for a suspension of the rentals until 12 months after the termination of the war, and apparently agreed to give on behalf of the Eastern Development Corporation and the Malabar Oil Extraction Co. annual joint pro-notes for the rentals. The first pro note was given for the rental due on the 1st of July 1916, and pro notes have since been given for the rentals due on the 1st of July 1917,1918,1919 1920 and 1921, making a total amount of Rs.17376/- at the rate of Rs.2896/- per annum. I am bound to confess that I think Mr.Bennett should have urged on Government that in the unfortunate circumstances over which we had no control the only equitable arrangement would be to <u>waive</u> the rentals until 12 months after the declaration of peace. This is the course of action which I know was adopted by the Government of India in relation to certain concessions especially in Burma, where the concessionaires were precluded by war conditions from deriving any advantage from the concessions.

5 We have expended, in our attempt to establish a new industry in South Canara, a very large sum of money <u>absolutely without any return</u>, but as I have said above, experience has now shown us that the Dhupa crop is far too uncertain to keep an industry going. Last year we were only able to collect about 50 or 60 tons of dried fruit, and this is still lying at our factory, for the time being, as owing to the unprecedented depression in the trade generally including all oil seeds, it would not pay to ship it to Europe, and again this year the crop was practically a failure, and it was not worth the additional expense of collection. On the other hand there may come a year with specially favourable conditions, when a large amount of fruit can be gathered in. Despite the fact that we are sending away our Extraction Plant we should be quite capable of coping with a big crop, as we recently spent a sum of £ 4000 in installing a large Drying Plant to dry Dhupa and other oil seeds, in good condition.

6 I respectfully submit that in the unfortunate circumstances I have specified above that Government should accept a surrender of our lease; and in exchange cancel the pro notes amounting to Rs.17,376/-, and with regard to the

future I would like to suggest that when the Forest Officers report the crop to be sufficiently full to warrant its collection, we may be given the opportunity of tendering for its collection, or we shall be quite prepared to entertain ~~the~~ a proposal under which we would collect the crop on a profit sharing arrangement with Government.

7 When we took up this business it was in the nature of a pioneer industry, and it is unfortunate that no reliable data existed as to the crops either of this seed or other forest seeds. As an instance of this I might mention that two years ago we provided the South Canara Forest Department with funds to collect for us, as an experiment, from their reserves 200 tons of Myristica Canarica seeds, against which they have only been able to deliver us less than 10 tons, at a cost which I fear would be prohibitive. They have since informed us that they do not propose to attempt to collect further.

8 We are hoping to be able to get some return on the large sum of money we have expended at Kallianpur by converting the place into a factory for manufacturing desiccated cocoanut and possibly starting a coir industry, and also putting in a crushing plant for making cocoanut oil. By this means we may still ultimately succeed in establishing an industry in South Canara which will be of material benefit to the locality, and as this will involve a considerable further capital expenditure, and it is generally recognised how difficult it is at the present time to obtain new capital, it would be exceptionally hard to have in addition to now pay out Rs.17,000/- in respect of something from which we have derived no benefit whatever.

9 Speaking from memory, I believe, we paid a full rental to Government for the years 1913, 1914 and 1915, in which case Government will have already received approximately Rs.9000/-. (9000) in respect of a source which has never previously yielded any revenue.

10 I am leaving India on the 30th instant for three or four months, and if it were possible for the matter to receive prompt consideration, so that a reply could reach me before I depart I should be greatly obliged.

I have the honour to be,
S i r,
Your most obedient servant
EASTERN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.
J B Kothari
Managing Director.

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Encl. No. 1290-I. from the manager
E. D. Corporation D/20-6-22

Dft V.W to return
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Encl: No 1290-I/22 1/2 D/ 10-7-22

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11 JUL 1922

Referred to the C.C.F.
and the D.I. for very
early remarks

JC
3-7-22

D.I.

To
The C.C.F. (with Copy of CP.)
" D.I. (RO)

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C.F. 29—24,251—4-4-21.

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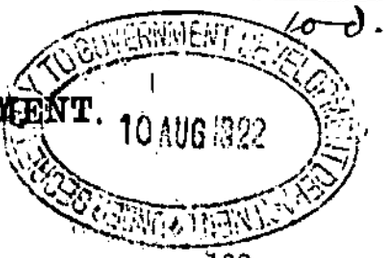

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Subject.

Dhupa - Remission of the rentals due from the Eastern Development Corporation - Regarding.

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No. 511-A/22

Station Madras, *Dated the* 7th August 192 2.

From (Name) C.W.E.Cotton,Esq.,C.I.E.,I.C.S.,M.L.C.,

(Designation) Director of Industries,

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Development Department.

Madras.

Sir,

Page 1 Supra

With reference to Government Endt.1290-1/22-2 dated the 10th July 1922 forwarding for my remarks copy of a letter from the Managing Director, Eastern Development Corporation, I have the honour to state that the request of the Corporation for the remission of the rentals due in accordance with the terms of the lease entered into by them with Government appears to me to deserve some consideration at the hands of Government.

2. Though the major portion of the machinery for treat-

ment of Dhupa at the Kalyanpur factory arrived just before war broke out, some important complementary items were held up at Hamburg. Thereafter their Engineer and Chemist who were both Austrian subjects were interned, great difficulty was experienced in obtaining any further machinery from England and the Corporation had to make the best of what they could procure locally.

3. Mr.Pinto, Assistant Director, Coimbatore, was in December 1920, asked to investigate and report what was being done at Kalyanpur, and inter alia, to consider whether, if the Corporation had come to the end of its resources, it would be worth while for the department to take it over at a valuation with a view to pioneering the extraction of oil itself. In his report which was received in April 1921, Mr.Pinto reported that during the years 1913-16 the Corporation had managed to collect only 2,948 tons of fruit (vide details in the margin) against a provisional estimate of 3000 tons per annum. In the next three years they collected nothing, but in 1920, 1818 tons were obtained, and in 1921, 60 making a total of 4,826 tons altogether, equivalent to an average of 536 tons per year as the result of nine years work. In the same period only 180 tons were treated at the factory which had practically closed down at the end of 1916. From the collections up to and including 1920 were obtained 2,383 tons of green and 1,310 tons of dry kernels of which exclusive of the quantity crushed for oil, all but 250 tons ~~ex~~ were exported in that form. Mr. Pinto's considered opinion was that the failure of the Eastern Development Corporation was chiefly, if not wholly, due to (i) the uncertain cropping of the trees and (ii) the difficulty of collecting fruit when available and in view of these considerations and the comparatively large initial.

Year	Tons
1913	550
1914	180
1915	218
1916	2000

expenditure involved. he advised against the Department embarking on so speculative and uncertain an enterprise as a Dhupa oil factory.

4. The Corporation had a clear warning in 1912 that the yield of dhupa fruit was sometimes disappointing (vide letter from Mr.F.E.Rosher annexed) and I think that before they hurried into an agreement with Government, they should have made some independent enquiries about the periodicity of the crop. Their calculations appear to have been based upon the assumption that each Dhupa tree would yield on the average about 4 cwts of kernels. Experience has since taught them to consider a good crop once in four years as much as could reasonably be counted upon, and as the harvesting season coincides with the incidence of the South West monsoon, collections even in a good year are seldom up to expectations. The Corporation state that they have expended upwards of £.50,000 in their attempt to establish the industry. Upon the material before me, I should be inclined to regard these figures as rather exaggerated but Mr.Pinto states that they have sunk about 1.20 lakhs on buildings and plant, apart from expenditure on local staff amounting to another lakh of rupees in the aggregate against which the only set-off is the sum obtained from the sale of 31 tons of oil and 835 tons of dry kernels, the value of nuts remaining unsold owing to deterioration due to prolonged storage being treated as negligible. The terms of the lease were calculated on the basis of an anna per tree and from Mr.Vibert's letter of 12th May 1916 read in G.O.No.1037 Fis., dated 6-4-17, it would appear that the Corporation after three years' working revised their original estimate of 4 cwts per tree and expected to handle about 3000 tons of dhupa fruits annually. This makes the royalty equivalent

(7)

roughly to a rupee per ton of fruit collected and I consider that if their pro-notes are now to be cancelled, it should be subject to the condition, that payment is made on this basis for the nuts which they have actually collected, since they defaulted with their payments of royalty.

If this recommendation is accepted, they will have to pay, subject to verification of the figures by the Revenue authorities,

Rs.2000	for	the collections of	1916
Rs.1818	"	"	1920
Rs. 60	"	"	1921

making a total of Rs.3,878 in the aggregate against Rs.17,376 due under the pro-notes.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Director of Industries.

R.V.

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Letter - from W.E.Rosher,Esq.,Managing Director,Eastern Syndicate,Limited,C/o Messrs.Cox & Co., Bombay,

To - the Secretary to the Government of Madras,Revenue Dept

Dated - Guntakal, the 21st June ~~1911~~ 1912.

(V)

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.1771 dated 15th instant, regarding the lease of the Dhupa trees in South Canara.

2. I am not quite clear whether the leases in existence, extending up to the 30th June 1912, are held by Messrs. Merwanji Curseti and Vincent Pereira, as in that event they have agreed to assign their interest therein to the Eastern Syndicate; but should this not be the case and should the present leases be held independently, I should be glad to hear whether the Madras Government would, when the said leases have expired, be willing to grant to my syndicate a thirty years' lease of the same from the 1st July 1913. If Government would give us that assurance, we could now be making all the necessary arrangements to establish factories for the treatment of the fruit collected next year. As Sir Richard Temple, the Chairman of my Syndicate, stated in an earlier communication to Government, the establishment of a new industry in South Canara should prove of considerable benefit to the people of the locality.

3. I have been informed that there has been a failure in the crop of the Dhupa fruit this year, but I have not ascertained to what extent and whether this is a frequent occurrence. Should that prove to be the case, perhaps Government would be agreable to the insertion of a provision which would meet such a contingency.

4. I am leaving for England in the middle of July, so shall be greatly obliged if you could give me a reply at your earliest convenience

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Dev No 7142 I

24 Aug

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Development DEPARTMENT.

In future letters, please quote No. and date and short title

Refee: No. 660/22-2

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Telephone No.
Post Box No.
Telegraphic Address

Dated the 22nd August 1922.

From (Name) H. Tireman Esqquire,
(Designation) Acting Chief Conservator of Forests.
(Address) Chepauk, Madras.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
24 AUG 1922
MADRAS

To The Secretary to Government,
Development Department.

Sir,

Subject:- Dhupa fruit lease - South Kanara District.

urgent

Page 4 Supra (A)

With reference to the Government Endorsement No. 1290-I/22-1 dated 10th July 1922, I have the honour to invite a reference to the report of Mr. L.S. Pinto, Assistant Director of Industries, dated 10th April 1921 submitted herewith. From para 24 of this report, it would appear that the business is a very speculative one and that the Corporation went into it without any very careful enquiry as to the conditions under which they would have to work. At the same time they showed some enterprise and Government have received in rents a sum of Rs. 8,688 from a source which had previously yielded nothing. With a view to avoid discouraging future possible investors in forest enterprises I would suggest that the Corporation be treated with leniency, and that the pronotes for years in which they made no collections should be cancelled. The report referred to above shows that in three years no collections were made while pronotes appear to have been given for five years.

Page 13 (A)

2. As there does not appear to be any prospect of the Corporation's making a profit out of the business, I would suggest that the surrender of the lease be accepted.

VE

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D 1312-I
4.7.22

1st July, 1922 Ootacamund

My dear Legh

I understand that the Managing Director, Eastern Development Corporation Bombay, has sent an application on the subject of Government lease to collect Dhupa in South Kanara. I shall be glad to see the paper while under disposal.

Yours sincerely,

Please submit [illegible] Dev. Deptt.
1/7/22

Rev: Deptt.

To U.S.

The subject belongs to Development and the Current on receipt was transferred to that Deptt. U.O. It is understood that Devt Deptt. (Ooty office) that the file is in Madras. Submitted that this may be transferred to that Deptt. for necessary action.

Cclm
1.7.22

Ag
1/7/22

Chief Sec

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Sec to Govt
3/7/22
1/7/22

To HS.

The main file has been submitted to Ooty on 3-7-22 vide Cno 1292-I dt 29-6-22.

Ag
3-7-22

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D 1123 II
19.6.22

Note to Office.

I remember having read in the Administration Report of the Industries Department that some enquiries were made regarding the Dhupa Oil Manufacturing Factory at Kalyanpur in the South Kanara district. Will Office please put up the connected papers and let me know in what stage the matter stands?

K V Reddi
14.6.22

PRO
14/6
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DY. DIRECTOR OF IND.
420-H/22
20 JUN 1922
MADRAS

To Asst. Secretary

In para. 5 of the Administration Report for 1920-1921, the D.I. stated that Mr. Pinto enquired about it and that his recommendations were under his consideration. We have not since heard of this. The D.I. may be requested to ~~state~~ put up the necessary papers.

Com
16.6.22

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17.6.22

Register return

D 1223-II
4.7.22

The position as regards Dhupa oil extraction is that the Eastern Development Corporation have been unable to make anything of the concession to collect all the Dhupa (Vateria Indica) fruit in South Kanara owing to the cropping of the trees being so uncertain. Their experience suggests

that if a good crop is obtained once in four years, one is lucky and even then the difficulties of collection are considerable, particularly as the fruit ripens in June, July and August coinciding with the incidence of the South West Monsoon.

The Eastern Development Corporation have, it is understood, already transferred their oil extracting plant from Kalyanpur to Bombay.

3-7-1922.

The Development Department, u.o.

Dev. Dept:

Submitted for perusal.

5.7.22

Please see the file — a request application from them in connection with their Kharpur case — & asked to see it. Please is it ours?

8/7/22

The file has been circulated to Cs. (Box D. 14 on 7.7.22)

8.7.22

Await receipt of the file from portfolio

8-7-22

To Rs.

The file referred to is put up below. It was marked for circulation

11-7-22

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Dev. Dep

Subject. Dhupa trees Lease — Amount due from The E.D. Copn South Canara Dist.

Circ. 1290-I from the manager E.D. Copn Ltd Mr. C. a

To Hs.

(7) In G.O 1037 Rev: dy. 6-4-17 owing to the unfavourable circumstances brought on by the war (to trade) the Govt directed that the collection of rentals for the lease of Dhupa trees in South Canara due by the Eastern Development Corporation Ltd, should be suspended for one year after the termination of war. After the cessation of war the Govt in G.O. 2353 dy 21-12-21 have instructed the Collector South Kanara to take necessary steps to (after 31-8-22.) Collect the dues from the E.D. Corporation.

(H) 2. The manager E.D. Corporation now states that the Company is at present placed under very adverse circumstances in having lost its managers connected with the industry and in not having a sufficient Crop of Dhupa fruits for the last one or two years. Further the manager states that owing to unprecedented depression in the trade of oil seeds, he was not able to ship any consignments for Europe. Lenders

D. 7.

these circumstances, he requests to Cancel bro- notes Amounting to Rs 17,376/- the Amount due from the firm for the lease of Dhupa trees

3. Submitted that the remarks of the C.C.T and the D.I. may be noted Draft endorsement submitted for approval.

Cy
3-7-22

Cy been asked to see

KP
6.7.22

circd. 7-7-22
Rec.ro. 8-14.
Retd. 8/7

Cy

Seen. I should like to see Cyani before final order are issued.

7.7.22

Some draft Ors. & Item Cut
out Lee for insrs, with reference to
Lee in his report & not the Lee

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To us.

The file is submitted with reference to Secretary's remarks above.

Cy
11-7-22

KMR
13.7.22

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page 4 C.F [Endt: 1290-I/22 dt 10-7-22 from the D.I.]
pages 5-9 C.F [Cno 1594-I from the D.I. no 511 A/22 dt 5-8-22]

To Under Secretary

Please see the letters from the D.I. at pages 5-9 C.F. Submitted that the reply from the C.C.I may be awaited

(X) send a reminder to C.C. The subject is an important one and cannot admit delay.

(X) C.C. reminded on 18/8

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11-8-22

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15-8-22

KRR
16-8-22

page 10 C.F [Cno 1742-I from the CC no 660/22-2 dt 22-8-22]

To Under Secy

Please see the reply from the CC at pages 10-11 C.F He has also submitted the report of Mr Pinto on Dhupar fruit Industry. For reasons mentioned in his letter, the C.C. recommends that the surrender of the lease may be accepted.

(A)

2. The Dir: of Industries suggests that the cancellation of the prospecting licence should be subject to the condition that payment is made for the nuts they have actually collected since they defaulted with their payments

page 8 C.F

3. For a brief history of the transactions with the E. D. Copper Co.

reference is solicited to office note on pages 6--7 of Go 1783 dy 21-9-21. (O)

From 1916 onwards, under instructions contained in G.O No 1037 Rev dy 6-4-17 (F) the collection of rentals was suspended and joint promotes were obtained from the Corporation and the Malabar Oil Extn Co ~~for~~ as security for each rental as it fell due. The Malabar Oil Extn Co. has ~~been~~ now become defunct and the Corporation is wholly responsible for the rental for 6 years amounting to Rs 17376/- (M) Govt 5-18 Mins 9-10-18

This amount is to be paid to Govt. after 31-8-22 and the Collr of Kanara has been instructed to take necessary steps to recover the amount after 31-8-22. (H)

4. From statement II attached to Mr Pinto's report, it can be seen that though there were no collections of Dupha fruit in the years 1917--1919 there were collections to the extent of 2000 tons in 1916 and 1818 tons in 1920 and 60 tons in 1921, thus making a total of 3878 tons for the whole six years for which the rental is due. It seems not possible to work out an accurate statement showing the amount of income which the Company is likely to have derived by the sale of ~~these~~ the fruits collected during these 6 years. For an approximate idea of the price of the ~~dupha~~ Dupha fruit page 24 of (A)

Obviously, for an accurate statement because there was no income! HCP 2015

reference is now invited to pages 10 and 11
(A) of Mr. Pinto's report. It is however,
stated in the report that annually
page 12. (A) the Corporation had to spend Rs 12000/- for
the local staff alone without including
the pay of an expert Chemist
5. In view of this above circum-
stances, it is submitted for orders
whether any concession may be grant
to the Corporation and if so to what
extent in regard to the
(a) payment of the lease of Olinda Estate to the Corpo
6-8-22
ration which commenced from the year 1913. The amount of
(w) the annual lease is Rs 2896/- It was
V. p 6 of (F) paid regularly in the years 1913, 1914,
then of 1915. From 1916 payments were suspen
ded and joint pass rules were obtained
(F) from the Corporation and Malabar oil
rules. Last receipt comes till 1921 one lease
6 pro. rules. and the amount covered by
(F) rupees can be realised only one year after the
termination of the war & as officially
as announced. i.e. 4th after 31-8-22
The amount due for the years
(w) comes to Rs 2896 x 6 = Rs 17376.

Now the managing Director

of the Corporation would the remission of the amount covered by the pro. note, Rs 17376 and also the cancellation of the lease itself. p 1-3 of CF

The D.F. and C.C. of Forests recommend the cancellation of the lease, and remission of the amount awarded only D.F. recommends that in years 1916, 1920 + 1921 some collections of Dhupa produce were made and that the Corporation should pay at 1R per tree — vide? — V. p 8 of CF. only Rs 3878, and that rest be remitted. The recommendation of CF seems to be more reasonable, as the Corporation should not get any govt property for nothing.

The lease is for a period of 30 years (10) commencing from 1913; and its determination cannot be asked for or claimed by the Corporation under the terms of the lease-deed it is only Govt that can terminate the lease under the circumstances noted below

(1) default in payment of lease amount

(2) non-performance of the conditions of the lease by the lessee

(3) The insolvency of the lessee

None of these conditions have now come into existence there has been no default in payment of lease-amounts, as they are covered by pro. notes the recovery under them is not

To Under Secy

A draft ~~order~~ ~~as directed by the~~ ~~on the terms indicated by the~~ ~~Hon'ble Minister~~ is submitted below for approval

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South Kanara

Distt — Dhupa trees —

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" " Govt 1783 dt 21 — 9 — 21

" " Govt 1150 dt 21 — 6 — 20 192 .

Govt 374 dt 21 — 2 — 20.

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READ ALSO—

C. No. 1290-I From the Manager E. D. Copn Ltd., No., dated 20 — 6 — 192 2

Endt no 1290-I/22-1 dt 10 — 7 — 22 to the CC. & D.F.

" " 1594-I " " the D.F. " 5-11 A/22 " 5 — 8 — 192 2

" " 1742-I, " CC. I Rf. 660/22-2 " 22 — 8 — 192 2.

ORDER.

No. 1236, dated 15 — 9, 1927

Mis.

DF | 15/9

The Govt are pleased to cancel the promotes amounting to Rs 17,376/= rendered by the Eastern Development Corporation Ltd., for the rentals due from them for the lease of dhupa trees in South Kanara Distt for the years 1916 — 1921. The lease standing in the Corporation should also be cancelled.

2. The CC. I is requested to make a careful consideration of the suggestions made by

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Managers of the
the E. D. Corporation Ltd,
in para 6 of his letter
read above and to
report to Govt at
an early date

To

The C.C. & with Public Works Reports returned
" A.G. through Jud. Dept
" Manager E.D Copper Ltd

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15-9-22
KWR
15-9-22

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16 SEP 1922

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3 OCT 1922

Bombay, 20th September 1922

21.9.22
To Development Br

DRO
28.9.22

E. W. Legh, Esq.,
Secretary,
Revenue Department,
Government of Madras,
Secretariat,
MADRAS.

Sir,

Re: Govt.Lease to the E.D.Corporation of rights to collect the fruit of the Dhupa trees(Vateria Indica) in South Canara

Development Branch

Rec'd 2787 q 24
2.10.22

We have the honour to acknowledge receipt of a copy of your G.O.No.Mis 1236 dated 15th instant intimating that the Government are pleased to cancel the promissory notes amounting to Rs.17376 rendered by us for the rentals due for the lease of Dhupa trees in South Canara district for the years 1916-21, and also that the lease granted to us should be cancelled. We beg to thank you for this decision.

We have the honour to be,
Sir
Your most obedient servants

The Eastern Development Corporation Ltd.
by its duly constituted Attorns,

Lodged. Sttle up with the connected papers

4-10-22